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SUBJECT: EXODUS OF PORTUGUESE FROM MOZAMBIQUE

1. CONGEN HAS REPORTED SERIOUS EXODUS OF PORTUGUESE AND OTHER EUROPEANS FROM MOZAMBIQUE, THOUGH WE HAD NO FIRM FIGURES. ON DECEMBER 2 HIGH COMMISSIONER VITOR CRESPO STATED UPON ARRIVAL AT LISBON AIRPORT THAT 15,000 WHITES HAD LEFT AFTER THE SEPTEMBER DISTURBANCES. LOCAL UPI STRINGER HAS BEEN KEEPING

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A TALLY OF ALL SHIPS, PLANES, TRAINS AND ESTIMATED CARS

LEAVING COUNTRY SINCE SEPTEMBER EVENTS. HE ESTIMATES ABOUT 20,000 HAVE LEFT. AS HIGH COMMISSIONER MENTIONED IN HIS AIRPORT REMARKS, SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT ARE OR WILL BE RETURNING.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN CONGEN TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAS ISSUED WAITING LIST NUMBERS FOR THOSE SEEKING VISAS TO SOUTH AFRICA TOTALING ABOUT 25,000. THIS AMOUNT INCLUDES A CERTAIN NUMBER OF TEMPORARY VISITORS OR PEOPLE INTENDING TO RETURN.

3. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS FRUITLESS TO TRY TO PIN DOWN THE EXACT NUMBERS, THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT EXODUS IS STILL CONTINUING AND WILL PROBABLY REACH ITS PEAK IN JANUARY WHEN MANY OF THOSE WHO PLAN TO LEAVE WILL DEPART AFTER RECEIVING YEAR-END BONUSES AND, IN SOME CASES, ACCRUED LEAVE.
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